

DOE News Release – Incident Alert

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#5

Hazardous materials team stabilizes drum

An Idaho National Laboratory hazardous materials team has successfully depressurized a bulging drum that was identified earlier today at the Advanced Test Reactor Complex's water treatment facility.

The team was able to remove the lid and release the excess pressure.

The 55-gallon drum contains a biocide that is used to destroy algae in the water piped into the Advanced Test Reactor's cooling systems. Other biocide drums in the vicinity were inspected and were not a concern.

The drum and its contents are not radioactive. The biocide arrived recently and has not been used in the Advanced Test Reactor cooling system.

No radioactive or hazardous materials were released. No injuries were reported and no evacuations ordered. Neither employees nor the public was in danger.

The cause of the over pressurization is not known. An investigation has been initiated to determine what caused the excess pressure to build.

Images of the drum are available at www.inl.gov.

Media should call the Joint Information Center at (208) 526-9206.

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#4

Hazardous materials team working to release excess pressure in drum

An Idaho National Laboratory hazardous materials team is releasing the excess pressure that caused a bulge in a drum located at the Advanced Test Reactor Complex's water treatment facility.

The team, which is comprised of trained INL firefighters, expects to complete the procedure sometime this evening.

The 55-gallon drum contains a biocide that is used to destroy algae in the water piped into the Advanced Test Reactor's cooling systems. Other biocide drums in the vicinity have been inspected and are not a concern.

The drum and its contents are not radioactive. The biocide arrived recently and has not been used in the Advanced Test Reactor cooling system.

No radioactive or hazardous materials have been released. No injuries were reported and no evacuations ordered. Neither employees nor the public is in danger.

The cause of the over pressurization is not known. An investigation will be initiated to determine what caused the excess pressure to build.

Images of the drum are available at www.inl.gov.

INL Communications is continuing to gather information about the incident. As soon as details can be obtained and confirmed, information will be provided to the media.

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#3

Hazardous materials team to release excess pressure in drum

An Idaho National Laboratory hazardous materials team plans to slowly release the excess pressure that caused a bulge in a drum located at the Advanced Test Reactor Complex's water treatment facility.

The 55-gallon drum contains a biocide that is used to destroy algae in the water piped into the Advanced Test Reactor's cooling systems. Other biocide drums in the vicinity have been inspected and are not a concern.

The drum and its contents are not radioactive. The biocide was recently received and has not been used in the Advanced Test Reactor cooling system.

No releases or injuries have been reported at this time.

No evacuations have been ordered.

The hazardous materials team, comprised of INL firefighters, will be wearing the appropriate protective gear while venting the drum.

INL Communications is continuing to gather information about the incident. As soon as details can be obtained and confirmed, information will be provided to the media.

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#2

Hazardous materials team handling over-pressurized drum

An Idaho National Laboratory hazardous materials team is at the Advanced Test Reactor Complex and preparing a re-entry plan after a bulging drum was identified earlier today. The team is preparing to release pressure and safely vent a 55-gallon drum at the complex's water treatment facility.

A build up of pressure inside the drum caused it to bulge. The drum contains a biocide that is used to destroy algae in the water piped into the Advanced Test Reactor's cooling systems.

No releases or injuries have been reported at this time.

INL Communications is continuing to gather information about the incident. As soon as details can be obtained and confirmed, information will be provided to the media.

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#1

Incident occurring at Idaho National Laboratory – information being gathered at Emergency Operations Center

A bulging drum has been identified at the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory. The incident is at the Advanced Test Reactor Complex.

No releases or injuries have been reported at this time.

INL Communications is now gathering information about the incident. As soon as details can be obtained and confirmed, information will be provided to the media.

INL emergency organizations are responding to the incident. State, county and tribal officials will be notified.

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